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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, CA  
SUBJECT: FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR JOINT US-CANADIAN AIR  
DEFENSES

1. THE DATT WAS CALLED IN MAY 12 BY ANDERSON, CHIEF  
POLICY PLANNING, DND, AND PROVIDED WITH COPY OF DANSON-  
TO-BROWN LETTER CONCERNING FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR THE  
JOINT US-CANADIAN AIR DEFENSE SHARING STUDY. DURING CON-  
VERSATIONS THAT FOLLOWED, ANDERSON MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

A. CANADA AND THE U.S. NEED BROADER AGREEMENT OF WHAT  
WILL CONSTITUTE THE THREAT AGAINST WHICH OUR AIR DEFENSES  
SHOULD BE DESIGNED IN THE 1980'S AND BEYOND.

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B. WE NEED TO TAKE A "TOP-DOWN" LOOK AT OUR JOINT EFFORTS  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE AIR DEFENSE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN  
CONTINENT. PARTICULARLY "AS CANADA BECOMES MORE INVOLVED  
IN THE SPACE ASPECTS OF AIR DEFENSE," DND WILL NEED A MORE  
BASIC ANALYSIS OF WHERE IT SHOULD BE GOING IN AIR DEFENSE.  
ANDERSON EXPLICITLY EMPHASIZED THE "CONTINENTALISM" OF

HIS CONCEPT OF THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY.

C. ANDERSON CLAIMED THAT DND WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY OPEN-MINDED CONCERNING THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH THE PROPOSED STUDY MIGHT GO. HOWEVER, HE REMARKED SEVERAL TIMES ON CANADIAN CONCERN THAT THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE PINE TREE LINE IS PROBABLY TOO FAR SOUTH FOR WHAT HE VIEWS AS CANADA'S NEEDS FOR GROUND-BASED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS. HE CITED THE CAPABILITY FOR DEW LINE STATIONS TO PROVIDE CONTROL FOR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS AS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE CAPABILITY THAT HE THOUGHT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

D. CONCERNING THE JOINTLY-SPONSORED STUDY, ANDERSON HAS IN MIND SOMETHING THAT HE HOPES WOULD "TAKE NO LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS." ONE MEMBER OF ANDERSON'S STAFF REMARKED LATER THAT HE BELIEVED SUCH A STUDY COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN A YEAR. ANDERSON REMARKED THAT HE ENVISIONS A JOINT US-CANADIAN STEERING GROUP TO PROVIDE DIRECTION AND TO INSURE THAT THE STUDY GROUP "ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS WE WANT ANSWERED." A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF LATER SAID THAT HE EXPECTED NDHQ TO LEAVE THE CHOICE OF STUDY GROUP UP TO THE U.S.

E. DANSON-TO-BROWN LETTER AND THE PROPOSALS FOR A "TOP-DOWN" LOOK ARE ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO THE VIEW CANADA TOOK CONCERNING THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PLAN.  
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2. BOTH ANDERSON AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF IN A LATER CONVERSATION EMPHASIZED:

A. THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS WITHIN NDHQ THAT SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT AIR DEFENSE IS NEEDED; AND

B. THAT ALL THE PROPONENTS OF THIS APPROACH ARE TAKING A COMPLETELY POSITIVE POINT OF VIEW; I.E., SPECIFICALLY, THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN OBSTRUCTING ANY PLANS TO MODERNIZE OUR CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS. ANDERSON MENTIONED THAT THE LETTER COULD BE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION DURING COMING BROWN-DANSON CONVERSATION AT NATO MINISTERIAL.

3. COMMENT: ANDERSON SEEMED PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL IN THIS LETTER AND CANADA'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LTDP. BOTH HE AND HIS STAFF TOOK PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE TWO ISSUES ARE UNRELATED. ENDERS

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